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**DISTRICT ONE ROADWATCH REPORT #31  
FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2015**

District One is 12 counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk and Sarasota

*Motorists are reminded to wear safety belts and drive with caution, courtesy, common sense, and patience as they travel through work zones. Remember, speeding fines are doubled in work zones.*

As a reminder, travelers can visit [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com) or dial “511” from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state.

If you know before you go, you can plan accordingly and save time and money.

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY**

**I-75 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to North Jones Loop Road (exit #161):** Construction project: Crews are adding lanes, resurfacing the existing roadway, performing bridge work, making drainage improvements, and adding guardrail, signs and pavement markings from the Lee/Charlotte County Line to south of Tuckers Grade (exit #158). Crews are also making drainage improvements from north of Tuckers Grade (exit #158) to south of North Jones Loop Road (exit #161). **Motorists should expect lane closures on I-75 during the nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Traffic is shifted to the outside of the roadway through the majority of the project.** Motorists should also use caution as construction vehicles and equipment enter and exit the roadway. PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE. Variable message boards notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is early 2017. The contractor is AJAX Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**US 41 from Enterprise Drive to Sarasota/Charlotte County Line:** Construction project: Crews are working to expand US 41 to six lanes from Enterprise Drive to the Sarasota/Charlotte County Line. This 3.6 mile project also includes making roadway drainage improvements, installing water and sewer lines, adding bike lanes and sidewalk and replacing signals at Enterprise Drive, Toledo Blade Boulevard and S. Cranberry/Cornelius Boulevards. Crews are installing new utilities, building new roadway and drainage.

- Flamingo Boulevard is closed from US 41 to Cumberland Avenue
- From 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., expect nighttime/overnight lane closures for northbound and southbound traffic on US 41
- Northbound and southbound traffic is shifted to the outside onto temporary pavement
- The Chamberlain Boulevard median opening is closed for the next phase of construction, motorists should follow the detour signs
- The speed limit is reduced to 40 miles per hours

Drivers should be aware of construction vehicles and equipment entering and exiting the roadway. The contractor expects to complete work in spring 2017. The contractor is Guymann Construction Inc.

**US 41 from Charlotte County Line to Morningside Drive:** Construction project: Crews will be widening northbound shoulders and resurfacing the roadway. This project also includes updating signage and pavement markings. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures through the duration of the project.

- Southbound and northbound traffic will now use northbound travel lanes. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic is now shifted to the eastside of the roadway.

Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2016. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

**US 17 from Tamiami Trail to Nesbit Street:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect southbound lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, for crews to make improvements to the road. Drivers should use caution with crews working in the roadway.

**SR 776 (El Jobean Road) from Willow Bend Drive to Collingsworth Boulevard:** Construction project: Crews will be resurfacing the roadway (including side streets), improving drainage for water running off the roadway, installing guardrail, and placing pavement markings. This 3.8 mile project includes building drainage improvements to manage water running off the roadway, updating traffic signals, and installing guardrail. The project also replaces and connects some existing sidewalk within the project. Crews also will be modifying the traffic signals at the intersections of Toledo Blade Boulevard and Flamingo Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project. Drivers

should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is fall of 2015. The Contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

**SR 31 from Lee/Charlotte County Line to CR 74/Bermont Road:** Construction project: Work is underway to resurface this roadway. This 12 mile project includes repairing existing drainage facilities and improvements to signage and pavement markings throughout the project.

- **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. from the Lee/Charlotte County Line to CR 74 throughout the duration of the project.**

Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is early 2016. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

## **COLLIER COUNTY**

**I-75 from north of CR 951 to just north of Golden Gate Parkway:** Construction project: This project adds six lanes and adds a 12-foot travel lane and 10-foot shoulder to the inside of existing northbound and southbound I-75. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control. Lane closures and ramp closures may occur in both the northbound and southbound travel lanes from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated completion is early 2017. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

**US 41 Mosquito Canal to SR 29:** Construction project: Crews begin a resurfacing project this week from east of the Mosquito Canal to SR 29. This project also includes shoulder widening and guardrail replacements. Work begins with installation of construction signs and silt fence for erosion control. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.

- **The four-lane section of US 41 (SR 90) at Port of the Islands is now reduced down to one travel lane in each direction while the contractor installs new guardrail on the bridges over the Faka Union Canal. All median crossings and turn lanes in this section are still accessible.**

Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution while crews work in the roadway. Estimated completion is spring 2016. The contractor is General Asphalt Company, Inc.

**US 41 at Barefoot Williams Road:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect drainage repairs near the intersection from Tuesday, July 28 to Tuesday, August 11. Drivers should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**US 41 from Wiggins Pass Road to Immokalee Road:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect the two outside southbound lanes closed during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday for crews to work on utilities. Drivers should expect slow moving traffic during this time.

**US 41 (Tamiami Trail East) from SR 951 to Greenway Road:** Construction project: Crews continue work to expand two-lane US 41 to six lanes from SR 951 to Joseph Lane and to four lanes from Joseph Lane to Greenway Road. A 30-foot median will separate northbound and southbound travel lanes. The project also includes a 10-foot multi-use pathway along southbound travel lanes and a six-foot sidewalk parallel to northbound lanes. Median openings spaced throughout the project allow for left turns and U-turns. Crews also are replacing the traffic signal at Manatee Road.

- **Vehicles will now use the new roadway from Naples Reserve Boulevard to Greenway Road. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic is now closer to the south side of the corridor.**
- **Motorists should expect lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday for crews to widen the lanes.**

**Vehicles use the new roadway from east of CR 951 to Naples Reserve Boulevard.** The bus stops are shifted to allow the contractor to build the new roadway. Motorists exiting driveways and side streets in this area should use caution, as traffic is now closer to the south side of the corridor.

Crews are currently relocating utilities, constructing culverts, installing underground storm drainage, and completing earthwork. Drivers should be aware of construction vehicles and equipment entering and exiting the roadway. The contractor expects to complete work in fall 2016. The design/build team is Wantman Group Inc./Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC.

**SR 951 at Fiddlers Creek Parkway:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are improving the traffic signal. Motorists should expect lane closures on SR 951 and eastbound Fiddlers Creek Parkway during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

**SR 84/Davis Boulevard from Airport Pulling Road to Kings Way:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday for crews to install concrete poles. Motorists should use caution as crew work near the roadway.

**SR 84 from Airport Pulling Road to Heritage Trail:** Construction project: This project includes resurfacing the roadway, connects two miles of bicycle lanes, replaces existing traffic signals and improves pedestrian crossings at every intersection. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project.

- **Within six-hundred feet of a signalized intersection, motorists should expect any eastbound lane closures from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and any westbound lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

Drivers should use caution while driving in this area. Variable message boards notify motorists of anticipated closures. Estimated project completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

**SR 82 at SR 29:** Construction project: Motorists should expect a cure period that will last about 30 days. After the asphalt has cured, crews will add permanent striping. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is summer 2015. The Contractor is Florida Safety Contractors, Inc.

## **DESOTO COUNTY**

**US 17 from CR 760A to Heard Street and within the City of Arcadia:** Construction project: Crews are expanding US 17 to four lanes. Work underway for two new travel lanes to the east of existing US 17 travel lanes includes utility activities, installation of drainage and fill soils, and new roadway construction. Crews are making drainage improvements to County Road 760A as part of ongoing roadway improvements to US 17. County Road 760A is closed to thru traffic. Traffic on SR 31 will be detoured to SR 70 and then to US 17. Traffic on US 17 will be detoured to SR 70 and then to SR 31. Use caution and plan additional travel time. Traffic remains on the existing lanes of US 17. Motorists should continue to observe the posted speed limit. Work vehicles are entering and exiting the roadway during the week. Please use caution. Expected project completion is in the summer of 2017. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

**SR 70 Westbound from North Roger Avenue West to NE Oak Street:** Maintenance contracts project: Crews are repairing storm drains. Motorists should expect a single-lane closure of the north side lane from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Drivers should use caution while driving in this area.

## **GLADES COUNTY**

**US 27 from SR 78 to Highlands County Line:** Maintenance project: Crews will be trimming weeds near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**US 27 at Bronson Road:** Construction project: Crews will begin placing signs and erosion control devices and clearing the right-of-way, Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7. Motorists should use caution and watch for workers close to the road. This project includes adding left and right turn lanes, lighting, drainage improvements, curb, gutter, signs and sidewalks at Bronson Road. Expected project completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving, Inc.

## **HARDEE COUNTY**

No projects at this time.

## **HENDRY**

**US 27 from SR 80 to Clewiston:** Construction project: Work continues to build a bi-directional weigh-in-motion scale in the median. Motorists should expect the inside lanes closed throughout the project. Estimated completion is end of 2015. The contractor is Quality Enterprises USA, Inc.

**US 27 at the railroad crossing near Lewis Boulevard:** Maintenance project: Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday for crews to rehabilitate the railroad crossing. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**SR 80 from Industrial Canal to Merchant Street:** Construction project: Crews will be resurfacing the roadway (including side streets), installing guardrail, and placing pavement markings. This 1.8 mile project includes updating traffic signals, and installing guardrail. The project also replaces and connects some existing sidewalk within the project. Crews also will be modifying the traffic signals at the intersections. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. **Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays.** Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is winter of 2015. The Contractor is Weekley Asphalt Paving Ind.

**SR 29 at West Cowboy Way:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours, Tuesday, August 4 through Friday, August 7 for crews to install signal heads. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

**SR 29 from the City of LaBelle to Glades County Line:** Maintenance project: Crews will be trimming weeds near the roadway during daytime hours, Monday through Thursday. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

## **HIGHLANDS COUNTY**

**US-27 Southbound at Northwood Boulevard:** Permit Project: Watch for workers close to the road as crews repair roadway shoulders. Use caution.

**US 27 at Turkey Track Road in Venus:** Maintenance project: Crews will replace side drains and clean ditches. Watch for northbound lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**US 27 Southbound across from Northwood Blvd:** Permit project: Crews are closing the outside southbound lane during the day to construct a deceleration lane. Watch for workers close to the road and be prepared to merge.

**SR 70 from CR 29 to CR 721:** Maintenance project: Crews are trimming bushes around guardrails. Expect lane closures and watch for flaggers directing traffic in various locations from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

**SR 66 at US 27 intersection in Sebring:** Construction project: Watch for lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on SR 66 and single day and night lane closures on US 27 as crews work on the signals at the intersection. Expect minor delays. Improvements on this project include, widening and adding a bike lane and designated right turn lane from SR 66 to US 27, resurfacing the existing left turn lane and through lane, improving drainage and upgrading the signal. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Lynch Paving and Construction Company, Inc.

## **LEE COUNTY**

**I-75 from north of SR 80 to south of SR 78:** Construction project: This project adds new travel lanes, transition lanes and shoulders. Crews are pouring concrete sound barrier wall, and paving I-75 at the bridges, bridge approaches and ramps, weather permitting.

- **Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures on I-75 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday August 2 to Friday August 7 for paving operations.**

Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the work zone. Stay alert and use caution. A reduced 60 MPH speed limit is posted throughout the project limits. Speeding fines are doubled when workers are present. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is The de Moya Group/Leware Construction Company Joint Venture.

**US 41 from Via Rapallo to Williams Road:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a new southbound turn lane and extending the northbound turn lane. Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays. Estimated completion is July 2015. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area.

**US 41 from Estero Parkway to Vintage Trace Circle:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent inside and outside lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 8:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. for crews to construct a turn lane and sidewalk. Drivers should use caution while driving in this area.

**SR 865/Six Mile Cypress Parkway from southeast intersection of Independence Circle to the Home Depot Entrance:** Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect eastbound and westbound lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hour from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. from Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 24 for crews to build new turn lanes. Drivers should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

**SR 739/Metro Parkway from Winkler Avenue to Hanson Street:** Construction project: Work is underway to expand Metro Parkway to six lanes, widen one-half mile of Evans Avenue just south of Hanson Street to three lanes northbound, and build a new six-lane Metro Parkway bridge that crosses over the railroad tracks, Ten Mile Canal, and Palm Avenue. The roadway will connect to Evans Avenue and Fowler Street and also include lanes for southbound Fowler Street drivers who may choose to use Metro Parkway southbound. **Metro Parkway northbound is currently reduced to one lane just south of Winkler Avenue for crews to do median work.** Work currently involves roadway and bridge construction and drainage installation. Motorists are advised to use caution and to be aware of trucks entering and leaving the roadway. Expected project completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

**SR 80/Second Street from Park Avenue to Michigan Avenue:** Construction project: The City of Fort Myers is improving the storm drainage system on Second Street from Park Avenue to Michigan Avenue. Second Street will be reduced to one eastbound lane during construction. Detours will be in place during street closures. Local area residents will have access at all times during construction.

- **Motorists should expect lane closures on Seaboard Street from Palm Avenue to Michigan Avenue for crews to install underground storm drainage.** Traffic on SR 80 will be detoured to Palm Avenue and then to Michigan Avenue.

Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists are to use extreme caution. Motorists should be aware of slow moving traffic and possible delays.

**State Roadways (SR 31, SR 78, SR 80, SR 82, SR 865, SR 867, SR 884 and US 41):** Maintenance contract project: Crews are sweeping curb and gutter on state roadways and bridges. Motorists should expect lane closures during the nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. weather permitting. Motorists should expect slow moving traffic and possible delays.

## **MANATEE COUNTY**

**I-75/University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton):** Construction Project: Crews begin mobilizing construction equipment and installing construction Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) signs. Currently there are no lane closures. Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on north and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening University Parkway, widening I-75 bridges over Eerie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC.



**US 41 from 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue to SR 684/Cortez Road:** Construction project: Crews are making intersection improvements and pedestrian safety upgrades including pedestrian refuge islands throughout the project limits. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. within 600 feet of signalized intersections. FDOT permits daytime and nighttime lane closures not within 600 feet of a signalized intersection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Florida Safety Contractors, Inc., is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

**US 41 over US 301:** Construction project: Crews are raising US 41 over US 301 approximately 18 inches, removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway, improving drainage and guardrail, and installing barrier wall. The north and southbound US 41 bridges over US 301 are closed to traffic. Traffic will detour at the US 41 off-ramps to US 301. At the direction of law enforcement, traffic will cross US 301 and reenter US 41 at the on-ramps. Traffic on US 301 at US 41 will also be directed by law enforcement. The closure should last approximately three (3) weeks. FDOT advises motorists to seek alternate routes and plan additional travel time while the closure is in effect. Motorists should expect short-term, periodic nighttime/overnight lane closures on US 301 at the bridge between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. while crews raise the bridge. These temporary closures should last approximately 15 minutes. Law enforcement will continue to direct traffic. Zep Construction, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

**Business US 41 from Wares Creek Canal to 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue West:** Construction project: Crews are removing old asphalt and resurfacing the roadway; constructing sidewalk; improving drainage, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews are working. Superior Asphalt, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

**SR 789 (Gulf Drive) from SR 684 (Cortez Avenue West) northbound to SR 64 (Manatee Avenue West):** Maintenance permit project: Various locations will close from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Friday August 14. FPL crews will be tying in existing power lines to new power poles. Flaggers will be present, and drivers should use caution.

**SR 70 at Greenbrook Boulevard:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a left turn lane. Expect eastbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, August 7. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 64 at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a driveway. Expect intermittent daytime westbound outside lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, August 7. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 64 at 66<sup>th</sup> Street Court East:** Construction project: Crews are making intersection improvements, resurfacing the roadway, making drainage improvements, constructing sidewalk, and installing new signing and pavement markings. Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. while crews are working. Atlantic Civil Constructors Corps. is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

**SR 64 at the Anna Maria Island Bridge:** Construction project: Crews are working on the bridge. Expect nighttime/overnight single-lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Daytime sidewalk closures are also required. One sidewalk will remain open at all times. Coastal Marine Construction is the contractor. Expected completion is fall 2015.

### **OKEECHOBEE COUNTY**

**US 441 from SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street to SW 28<sup>th</sup> Street:** Maintenance contract project: Crews are repairing storm drains. Watch for northbound and southbound lane closures and be prepared to merge.

**US 441 from NE 224<sup>th</sup> St. (Orange Ave) North to the County Line:** Maintenance project: Watch for crews working close to the road making spot repairs to the shoulder. There are no planned lane closures, but use caution when workers are present.

**SR 70 from NE 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to NE 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Maintenance project: Crew will spray herbicide on the sidewalks on both the north and south side of SR 70 during the day, Monday through Thursday. Use caution while traveling through this area.

**SR 70 from NW/SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NE/SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Okeechobee:** Construction project: This project improves the intersection at US 441. Crews are completing final items, weather permitting. Expect nighttime lane closures from 5:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday night, August 2, to Friday morning, August 7. Observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, and drive with caution in the construction zone. During this project, crews will add turn lanes, widen and resurface the roadway, improve drainage, replace traffic signals and build curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Estimated completion is summer 2015. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

**SR 70 from NE 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Berman Road in Okeechobee:** Construction project: Workers are installing drainage, grading embankment, building subgrade and installing base rock on the roadway, and driving pile at Mosquito Creek from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, weather permitting. Expect periodic lane closures Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7 for bridge construction and. During this project, crews will expand the roadway to four lanes, construct concrete bridges, improve drainage, build curb, gutter, and sidewalk, and install guardrail, permanent signs and pavement markings. Watch for crews and equipment working close to the road. Observe posted speed limits and drive with caution in the construction zone. Estimated completion is summer 2017. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

**SR 70 east of Okeechobee/NE 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Williams Road/NE 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Okeechobee:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are relocating utilities along the south side of the road. No lane closures are scheduled, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**SR 70 west of US 27:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for workers close to the road while they work from the shoulders cleaning ditches. Use caution driving in these areas.

## **POLK COUNTY**

**I-4 from County Road 557 to the Osceola County Line:** Crews are placing final striping on the new asphalt on Interstate 4 both east and westbound, Sunday night, August 2 through Friday morning, August 7. Crews will close one lane at a time using a slow rolling operation to place the pavement markings. Contractor will divert traffic around the operation in various locations throughout the project. Use caution and expect delays. The contractor is Ranger Construction. Weather permitting; expected completion is August 2015.

**I-4/SR 559 Interchange (Auburndale):** Construction project: The contractor is working at night/overnight, Wednesday, August 5 and Thursday, August 6 on SR 559 just south of the overpass to install drainage pipe across the roadway. Temporary lane closures will be in effect. Flaggers will direct traffic. Expect delays.

Crews continue constructing new ramps at I-4/SR 559, installing piers for the new bridge adjacent to the existing SR 559 overpass, and installing drainage pipe along SR 559. Drive with caution and watch for traffic shifts along eastbound and westbound I-4 and temporary intermittent lane closures, traffic shifts, site changes and flaggers directing traffic on SR 559.

Speeding fines double when workers are present. Project improvements include constructing a new bridge on SR 559 over I-4, expanding SR 559 from two lanes to four lanes from north of CR 559A to the westbound entrance ramp to I-4, shifting the eastbound lanes of I-4 to the south, installing lighting on SR 559, resurfacing the existing roadway, and improving drainage. Expected completion is early 2017. The contractor is Cone and Graham. For additional information, please visit the project website at <http://www.swflroads.com/i4/sr559/>

**US 98 Peace River Trail in Ft. Meade:** Construction project: Crews are constructing the trail through Ft. Meade Outdoor Recreation Area between US 98 and Mt. Pisgah Road. Crews are constructing the two timber bridges along the trail. Project improvements include constructing a compacted coquina shell path, two pedestrian bridges, a short path leading to the river on the south end of the trail and a pull-off area at Mt. Pisgah Road. Central Concrete Products, Inc. is the contractor. Weather permitting, expected completion is fall 2015.

**US 98 from CR 540A to SR 540 (Winter Lake Road) in Lakeland:** Construction project: Crews will continue work on signalization, drainage and miscellaneous remaining items. Expect intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures both north and southbound. Work on this project includes expanding the roadway from four to six lanes, upgrading traffic signals, installing street lighting, adding pedestrian signals and crosswalks, constructing new sidewalk, and new bridge construction over Banana Creek. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation. Weather permitting; expected completion is summer of 2015. For more information, visit the [www.idriveUS98.com](http://www.idriveUS98.com).

**US 98 from Socrum Loop Road to Thomas Road:** Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside northbound lane from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, August 3, to construct a turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**US 27 from south of the Eagle Ridge Mall to north of SR 540/Waverly Road in Lake Wales/Winter Haven:** Construction project: Watch for nighttime and daytime lane closures as crews continue signalization work at the intersection of Thompson Nursery Road/Chalet Suzanne, SR-540/Waverly Road and Eagle Ridge Mall entrance. Use caution and be prepared to merge. Improvements under this contract include removing the ruts in the roadway and paving, shoulder work and signalization. The contractor is The Middlesex Corporation. Expected completion is fall 2015.

**US 27 from Barry Road to US 192 (Davenport/Clermont):** Construction Project: Watch for a newly installed traffic signal currently in flash mode at the intersection of US 27/California Boulevard/McFee Dr. A flashing red light/arrow means come to a complete stop, then proceed when traffic is clear. A flashing yellow light means proceed with caution. The traffic signal will remain in flash mode for several weeks before becoming operational. Crews are installing drainage pipe, laying sod, paving the roadway and pouring sidewalk at various locations along US 27. Signalization crews continue work at various intersections along US 27. Work is ongoing Monday through Saturday. Watch for traffic shifts under the bridge and on the ramps at US 27/US 192.

Improvements on this project include expanding US 27 and the bridge at US 192 from four lanes to six lanes, resurfacing the existing roadway, adding paved bike lanes, building curb and gutter with drainage swales, constructing sidewalk, installing new concrete pole traffic signals at the intersections of US 27/California Boulevard and US 27/Student Drive, and installing sound barrier walls. Prince is the contractor on this project. Expected project completion is summer 2016.

**US 17 from Bear Creek Apartments to 1st Street in Bartow:** Construction project: Crews continue placing sod. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road. Improvements on this project include removing and replacing the asphalt, replacing the median opening at Crossover Road with a northbound dedicated left turn lane, adding bike lanes, replacing guardrail and improving drainage. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

**US 17/92 at CR 54 (Ronald Reagan Parkway)/Kinny Harmon Road in Davenport:** Maintenance permit project: There are no scheduled lane closures as crews work off the roadway, Sunday, August 2 through Saturday, August 8.

**SR 563 (Sikes & Harden Boulevard) from Polk Parkway to Hartsell Avenue:** Maintenance permit project: Crews have closed the sidewalk along the northbound lanes to replace sidewalk panels. Pedestrians should use the sidewalk detour.

**SR 546 (West Memorial Boulevard) from Brunnell Parkway to Crestview Avenue:**

Maintenance permit project: Crews are placing aerial lines alongside and across Memorial Boulevard. Watch for lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and intermittent total road closures for a few minutes at a time while the contractor strings lines across the roadway Monday, August 3 and Tuesday, August 4. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

**SR 544 (Havendale Boulevard) from Idylwild Drive NW to 29th Street NW:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for an outside southbound lane closure while crews make utility and roadway repairs. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**SR 544 (Lucerne Park Road) just west of Ridge Career Center:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for intermittent nighttime/overnight eastbound lane closures with flaggers directing traffic from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through mid-August while crews construct a right turn lane. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

**SR 540 (Cypress Gardens Boulevard) from US 17 to east of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Southeast:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for daytime and nighttime lane closures through August while crews clean and line underground pipes. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**SR 540 (Winter Lake Road) at Jim Keene Boulevard:** Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the inside eastbound lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through August 5 for turn lane construction. Use caution and be prepared to merge.

**SR 60 Roadway and Rail Road Crossing Improvement Projects from west of Diesel Road to east of CR 555; SR 37 from SE 3rd Street to SR 60; West of Nichols Road to east of Prairie Industrial Parkway in Bartow/Mulberry:** Construction project: Expect lane closures on SR 60, both eastbound and westbound for pipe crossing reconstruction, paving and railroad crossing repair. Observe posted speed limits and watch for changes in the traffic pattern.

- Skew Crossing - Traffic diverts to one lane in each direction. Traffic shifted to the eastbound lanes of SR 60.
- SR 60 between SW 2nd Avenue and SW 8th Avenue – Traffic diverts to one lane in each direction. Traffic shifted to the north side lanes of SR 60.

Improvements on this project include; constructing new approach slabs for railroad crossings on SR 60 at Nichols Road, Phosphate Boulevard, Mosaic Crossing, and Skew Crossing, resurfacing the existing roadway, improving the roadway drainage, and improving SR 60 signalization. Expected project completion is fall 2015, weather permitting. The contractor is The Lane Construction Corporation.

**SR 60 from Flamingo Drive to Connersville Road in Bartow:** Construction project: Crews are driving pile or bridge supports, building a temporary trestle work platform, installing concrete gravity walls and paving. Watch for eastbound daytime lane closures for materials and equipment deliveries including bridge beams. Use caution and be prepared to merge. Note: Wide loads may not be able to pass through when lane closures are in place. Wide load haulers should take a different route. Crews will also be pouring concrete in business driveways along the eastbound lanes. Use caution and watch for flaggers directing vehicles in and out. Work on this project includes adding a new sidewalk and pedestrian bridges on the south side of SR 60, and building a bus bay and bus pad at the stop east of Peace River Mobile Home Park. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Leware Construction Company, Inc.

**SR 37 (South Florida Avenue) from CR 540A to Carter Road in Lakeland:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are installing a gravity sewer line along the northbound lanes of SR 37. Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**SR 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) at the intersection of Deen Still Road in Polk City:** Construction project: Workers will continue clearing the area for construction and begin building the temporary detour. Watch for intermittent lane closures and reduced speed limit. Work on this project includes construction of a new roundabout at the intersection and includes new asphalt and concrete pavement, resurfacing, installing drainage structures, curb and gutters, sidewalk, gravity walls and handrails, lighting, signing, and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Atlantic Civil Constructors Corp.

**SR 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) from north of I-4 to Clearwater Avenue in Polk City:** Construction Project: Watch for intermittent lane closures with flaggers directing traffic and crews perform final cleanup of the project and miscellaneous repairs. Use caution. Improvements on this project include removing the old asphalt and placing new asphalt, widening some of the existing turn lanes and drainage improvements along SR 33 from north of I-4 to Polk City. Expected completion date is end of July. The contractor is Preferred Materials, Inc.

**SR 33 from Old Combee Road to Firstpark Boulevard in Lakeland:** Maintenance project: Crews are repairing shoulders on both sides of the road. Please use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**SR 33 (Lakeland Hills Boulevard) from First Street to Adair Park:** Maintenance permit project: Crews will close the outside southbound lane and adjacent sidewalk at night/overnight from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday, August 3 through Wednesday, August 5 while they make a connection to a gas main.

**SR 33 (Lakeland Hills Boulevard) north of Lakeland Hospice House:** Maintenance permit project: Watch for a single lane closure in the southbound lanes as crews work on a sidewalk connection in the southwest corner of the driveway.

**SR 17 (S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street) from SR 544/CR 544 to US 17/92 (Hinson Avenue) in Haines City:**

Construction project: Crews are completing final items from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Follow detour signs, observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, and drive with caution in the construction zone. During this project, crews will replace the roadway base and pavement, widen travel lanes, and rework the center turn lane to include raised medians and median crossovers, replace existing drainage and add sidewalk and decorative street lighting. Estimated completion is summer 2015. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC.

**SR 17 (Scenic Highway) from south of Ray Martin Road/Passion Play Road to south of Mountain Lake Cut Off Road in Lake Wales:**

Construction project: Crews continue work on signalization, permanent signs, sidewalk, sod, miscellaneous clean-up and paving, weather permitting. Expect nighttime/overnight lane closures from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday evening, August 2 to Saturday morning, August 8 for paving operations. Flaggers will direct traffic. Paving will continue until mid-September. During this project, workers will resurface the roadway, improve drainage, upgrade traffic signals, install guardrail, curb, gutter and sidewalk, permanent signs and pavement markings. Observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, and drive with caution in the construction zone. Estimated completion is fall 2015. The contractor is Gibbs and Register, Inc.

**SR 17 at the intersection of CR 17B (Hunt Brothers Road) in Lake Wales:**

Construction project: Workers will continue installing signs and erosion control devices and clearing the area for construction. Watch for workers close to the road. Work on this project includes construction of a new roundabout at the intersection and includes removing old asphalt and resurfacing, installing drainage structures, curb and gutters, sidewalk, pavement markings, and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is early 2016. The contractor is Wright Construction.

**2nd and 3rd streets from SR 60 to Polk Avenue in Lake Wales:**

Construction project: Crews continue to clear the area and will begin sidewalk construction later in the week. Watch for lane closures with flaggers directing traffic and be prepared to stop. This safe routes to schools project includes new sidewalk from SR 60 to Polk Avenue on both sides of 2nd Street and on the east side of 3rd Street, and from Steedly Avenue to Polk Avenue on the west side of 3rd Street. Weather permitting; expected completion is early 2016. The contractor is Wright Construction.

**Haines City Trail from Lily Avenue west of the railroad tracks to Grace Avenue in Haines City and Grace Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to east of 16<sup>th</sup> Street:**

Construction project: Crews will continue building lime rock base, gravity wall, slope pavement, paving and sodding for the new trail between Lilly Avenue and Grace Avenue. This project includes sidewalk, gravity wall, and curb and gutter construction on the north side of Grace Avenue and a shared use path west of the railroad tracks between Grace Avenue and Lily Avenue. Work also includes drainage improvements, lighting, fencing, and a sidewalk connection between the new trail and the Lily Avenue overpass. Estimated completion is summer 2015. The contractor is Cathcart Construction Company.

**South 6th Street from Hinson Avenue to Wood Avenue in Haines City:** Construction project: South 6<sup>th</sup> Street north of Ledwith Avenue through the Oak Avenue intersection remains closed while crews install drainage structures, reconstruct driveways, build curb and sidewalk, and pave. Follow detour signs around the closure using South 5<sup>th</sup> Street and South 7<sup>th</sup> Street as alternate routes. South 6<sup>th</sup> Street access is for local traffic only. Use caution and watch for changes in the traffic pattern.

Watch for daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Wood Avenue to Ledwith Avenue while crews install drainage structures, curb and sidewalk, and begin paving. On-street parking in this area will remain closed during construction.

Work on this project consists of milling and resurfacing, driveway replacement, sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, signing and pavement markings, decorative lighting and landscaping. Weather permitting; expected completion is late 2015. The contractor is Gibbs & Register, Inc.

## **SARASOTA COUNTY**

**Sarasota County Advance Traffic Management System (ATMS) Phase IV:** Construction project: Sarasota County has contracted with Traffic Control Devices, Inc. (TCD), to upgrade the traffic signal controllers and equipment for 52 intersections throughout Sarasota County, City of Sarasota and the City of North Port. The improvements will consist of installing, integrating and testing the ATMS field elements, including traffic controllers and cabinets, Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, and fiber optic communications cable and transmission equipment along the roadways. As part of this project, 10 intersections will receive full Americans with Disability Act (ADA) upgrades to meet current standards. Construction began on March 4, 2015 and is expected to be complete by the Spring 2016. Nighttime intersection work will continue along the Beneva Road corridor, then on to US 41 from Rockley Boulevard, heading south, weather permitting. Traffic patterns through the intersections, as well as the traffic signals operations will be disrupted, while crews replace existing signal cabinets. Law enforcement will be on scene to ensure safety and assist with the motorist as needed. Normal traffic will resume at these Intersections, once the cabinets have been replaced. Daytime underground and above-ground operations continue along the Swift corridor. Boring/trenching operations will take place along Sumter Blvd. as well as on US 41 in South County. Motorists are urged to use caution while traveling through these areas and be mindful of the construction personnel and equipment.



**I-75: From Sumter Boulevard to River Road:** Construction project: This project expands I-75 to six lanes. Crews are placing embankment in the median and outside shoulders, installing drainage, placing sod in the median and outside shoulders, assembling high mast lighting, and working on the southbound bridge deck at Deer Prairie Creek, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Expect nightly northbound lane closures between 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., from Monday evening, August 3 to Friday morning, August 7. Pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project. Stay alert, and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Conalvias USA.

**I-75/University Parkway Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) (Sarasota/Bradenton):** Construction Project: Crews begin mobilizing construction equipment and installing construction Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) signs. There are no lane closures to report at this time. Improvements being made as part of this project consist of constructing a diverging diamond interchange, adding an auxiliary lane on north and southbound I-75, constructing new bridges on I-75 over University Parkway, widening University Parkway, widening I-75 bridges over Eerie Creek and Foley Creek, realignment of on-ramps and off-ramps at I-75/University Parkway, addition of ponds, drainage improvements, new lighting and signalization, construction of a noise wall on the west side of I-75, sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. Expected completion is fall 2017. The contractor is Prince Contracting, LLC.

**I-75 at Fruitville Road:** Maintenance project: Crews are making guardrail repairs. The northbound I-75 on-ramp from eastbound Fruitville Road will close overnight from 11:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Monday, August 3, weather permitting, with Tuesday, August 4 planned as the back-up date. Drivers will redirect to Bee Ridge Road where they can access northbound I-75. Please use caution and plan additional travel time.

**US 41 at SR 789:** Maintenance permit project: The sidewalk located along the west side of US 41 from SR 789 to Ritz Carlton Drive and sidewalk located along the north side of SR 789 from Sunset Drive to US 41 will remain closed until construction of the development located at the corner of US 41 and SR 789 is complete. Pedestrians should follow the established detour.

**US 41 at Worrington Street:** Construction project: Crews are making ADA improvements. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor.

**SR 780/Fruitville Road from Honore Avenue to McIntosh Road:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are replacing power poles. Expect outside westbound lane closures from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, August 7. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 780/Fruitville Road at Shade Avenue and at US 301:** Construction project: Crews are making ADA improvements. Expect nighttime/overnight intermittent lane closures while crews are working. Florida Safety Contractors is the contractor.

**SR 780/Fruitville Road from Tuttle Avenue to Shade Avenue:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are working at sewer manholes. Expect nighttime/overnight westbound lane closures from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. through Friday, August 7. Use caution and expect possible delays.

**SR 72 at the Stickney Point Drawbridge:** Construction project: Crews are making repairs to the bridge including concrete repairs throughout the bridge, seawall repairs, Tender/Control House improvements, painting, and repairs to the mechanical and electrical components of the bridge. Motorists should expect nighttime/overnight flagging operations between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Extended bridge openings of up to 15 minutes may occur during this time. Expected completion is late 2015/early 2016. Coastal Marine Construction, Inc. is the contractor.

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